

Application No. 09/878,651
Amendment dated June 16, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 24, 2004

Remarks:

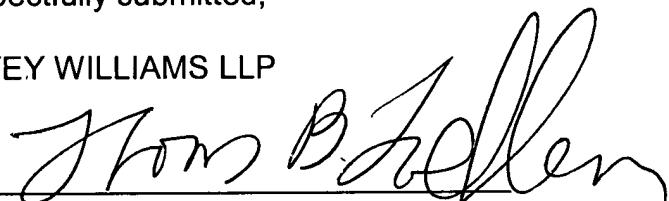
Claims 1-45 were previously pending in the application. In the Examiner's March 24, 2004, Office Action, claims 26-33 were allowed, claim 43 was objected to, and claims 1-25, 34-42, 44 and 45 were rejected. In a phone conversation with the Examiner on June 16, 2004, the Examiner additionally allowed claims 11, 12, 24 and 25 and stated that his rejection of these claims in the March 24, 2004 Office Action was by accident.

Claims 1-10, 13-23, 34-42, 44 and 45 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by this Amendment. Claims 11, 24, and 43 have been amended to include the features of their respective parent claims in independent form, as required by the Examiner. Thus, only claims 11, 12, 24-33 and 44 remain pending, all of which are now in a condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited. In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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